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City approves budget—with big raises

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved the 2006-07 general fund budget at their regular meeting Monday evening, but not without some debate about provisions included in it.

The \$22 million budget calls for salary increases for several key department heads and assistant department heads that will take effect on July 1. In some cases, these raises equal a 20 percent increase.

Mayor Alan Lambert – who also receives an increase this year – said the raises would bring compensation for specific personnel in line with other cities.

“I know for a fact that some of the people we have on staff are getting job offers from other com-

munities,” he said. “Things are going better here than they have in a long time, and it’s because of these people. We can’t afford to lose them, and they deserve every penny of it.”

The budget was approved by a 5-2 vote.

“I think if the public had the opportunity to vote on the raises themselves, they wouldn’t go for it,” said Councilman Harry Crout. “If it were a 3 percent raise across the board, it would be different. The way the economy is right now, I don’t think anyone in any line of work is getting a raise of 20 percent.”

Compensation of non-unionized employees was under review by a city committee in the latter part of 2005. The committee worked with the Michigan Municipal League, which provid-

ed fact and figures about compensation from 10 other cities.

Lambert said some department heads will receive compensation more in line with the other communities, but not necessarily top-of-the-line pay. He added that he hopes the wage increase will prevent a revolving door in some departments.

“We found a good mid-point for some of the people,” he said.

John Clark, a Romulus resident for more than 30 years, said the raises were excessive and don’t reflect the struggles some citizens are facing.

“You say these people cannot be replaced, but if – God forbid – one of them were to die, there would be a line to replace them 20-people long,” he said. “If you look at what’s happened in this city, Northwest pilots took a cut,

Delphi is taking a \$10 an hour cut. People are facing hard times here.”

Council members John Barden, William Wadsworth, Randolph Gear, Ellen Craig-Bragg, and Leroy Burcroff voted yes. Councilman William Crova joined Crout in dissented.

Funds expended near the Metro World site to extend Vining Road to spur development at the Metro World Center site is the reason Crova voted against the budget, he said.

The roads plan calls for \$5.5 million in investment in an area where little is happening. The site is earmarked for business and residential development.

“I’ve been up here for many years, and we’ve had some inter-

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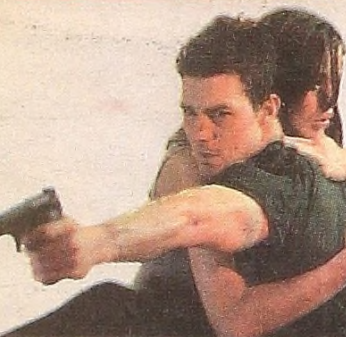
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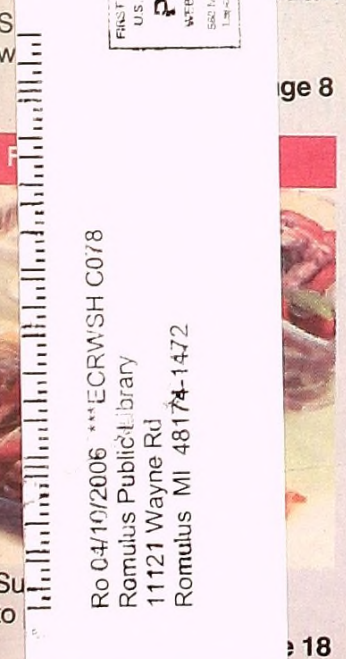


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Sewer repairs could cost \$7 million

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus will issue \$7 million in capitol improvement bonds later this year for infrastructure work at one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city.

Known as the Junction Subdivision, the parcel of land near Goddard Road will need a completely new sewer system and other updates to make the parcel conducive to future development that might go on at the site.

The neighborhood was one of the first to spring up when people began to move into what is now Romulus decades ago, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

“I think it’s been here about 100 years, at the least,” he said. “Everything over there is very, very old, and we need to replace those water mains as soon as possible.”

It’s not known how many breaks the area experienced in the last year, but everyone at the city knows the Junction area needs some attention.

“It’s better to start replacing the mains now, instead of when something happens,” said Lambert.

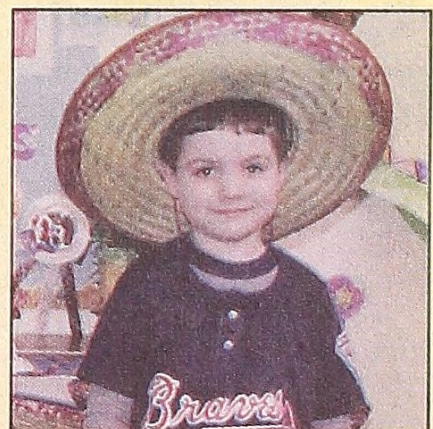
Aged infrastructure is common in older suburbs like Romulus. In some cities, voters

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Exploring differences

Students at Barth and Wick elementary schools learned more about the traditions and customs of their neighbors last week when the schools hosted a multi-cultural event. Aimed at helping to build tolerance and understanding, the events featured skits and presentations about several countries. Here, Wick fifth grade student Louise Hood (above) shows off her Japanese heritage, and Barth second grader Jacob Britt (right) tries on a Mexican sombrero for size.



City residents vent about Gateway trouble

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Tempers flared during a discussion of housing values and promises not kept Monday when several residents of the Romulus Gateway subdivision complained about living conditions at the golf course community.

The lack of a club house, an

ugly fence, interlopers invading people’s lawns looking for lost golf balls and changes in the development plan riled residents, who shared their feelings with the city council and the land developer, Sam Cottone of Oakland Township-based Resco Inc.

“I bought a \$300,000 home in that community, and I’m a

Realtor, and it ain’t happening here,” said Edna Jemison, a resident of Gateway. “We were promised a gated community, and that’s not what we have. If somebody were to sell a home, they would just get their money back, or have to take a loss to get out.”

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High school to honor distinguished alumni

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Staff Writer

This weekend, four distinguished graduates will be inducted into the Belleville High School Hall of Fame.

The Van Buren Public School District will host the ceremony at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school auditorium to coincide with the National Honor Society inductees. This year the awards go to Richard Pokerwinski, class of 1964, Glenn Silvenis, class of 1966, James J. Calhoun, class of 1991 and Barbara Jean Mitchell, class of 1953.

Started in 1998, the program is designed to encourage graduates from the high school, according to Paul Henning, district spokesperson.

"We felt it should go along with the National Honor Society students to give them that encouragement that once you graduate from high school your educational career is not over," he said. "This ceremony is to give them confidence."

This year, the steering and selection committee went through more than 12 applications to select the winners. Each qualified nominee must have graduated from Belleville High School prior to 1992, contributed to their chosen profession through performance and leadership, recognized success in their field of work and contributed or volunteered time, effort, leader-

ship and resource to benefit the Belleville area and other communities.

Pokerwinski, of Sumpter Township, is retired from Ford Motor Co. After high school, he started working at Ford in the Ypsilanti plant. He was then transferred to the Plymouth plant in 1967 where he became a UAW union representative, as well as the UAW employee support service representative.

Pokerwinski also remains active in the community. He is a member of the St. Anthony's Church, a representative and co-chair from the church for the Belleville National Strawberry Festival, a volunteer for the Sumpter Country Fest, on the board of directors for the Parkside Credit Union and a board member with the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.

In his free time, he also likes nothing more than to strip down and rebuild old vehicles. He has won numerous awards from various car shows in doing so, too, he said.

During his time at the high school, Pokerwinski played on the basketball, baseball and football teams and participated in the Varsity Club.

Silvenis is the owner of Remax Crossroads III in Belleville. After high school, he pursued college at Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University.



James Calhoun



Glenn Silvenis



Richard Pokerwinski



Barbara Mitchell

Silvenis started his commitment to the City of Belleville, he said, with an appointment to the parks commission. He then went on to serve as mayor pro-tem for the city council and was elected mayor in 1987. During his eight years as mayor, the city saw much development and prosperity including: the library expansion, control of Main Street, the building of two new subdivisions and more, he said.

Silvenis is no longer involved in city politics, but in the area of real estate where he has received significant awards. He is also a member of the Girlstown Foundation, the Belleville Rotary Club, St. Anthony's Church, the National Association of Realtors and the Western Wayne-Oakland Association of Realtors.

During his high school years, he was involved in the marching band, concert band, orchestra, astronomy club and other activi-

ties.

Calhoun is currently pursuing a degree in paramedics at Baker College. After high school, he worked for four years at L and W Engineering before he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He then spent nine years in the military before serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After the military, Calhoun became active as a volunteer for the Van Buren Head Start child development program and received an award for top male volunteer. He also served as a cub master for the Haggerty Elementary School Boy Scouts, was a baseball coach for the Van Buren Public Schools and a youth group leader for the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

While at Belleville High School, Calhoun was active in the building trades program through the Career Education Center. He was also listed in the Who's Who Among American High School

Students.

This year, Mitchell is the posthumous winner.

After graduation from high school, she received a bachelor's degree in science from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree in reading and administration and then went on to teach at both Quirk Elementary and Haggerty Elementary schools.

She believed in community involvement, especially for the Belleville United Methodist Church. It was there that she served on the board of trustees and taught Sunday School.

Mitchell was a member of many organizations including: the September Days Senior Center, the Belleville Band Boosters, the Mortar Board and Alcohol Anonymous. She also supported Girls' Town, Dawn Farms Recovery Center, Arbor Hospice, Interlochen and Eastern Michigan University.

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Alternative school wins award for programs

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Community Schools picked up another accolade last week, this time for the alternative education programs.

Community High School, where 400 students who did not learn in a traditional high school setting or had dropped out of school attend classes, received the 2006 "School of the Year" award from the Michigan Alternative Education Organization. The school competed in a field of 200 alternative high schools in Michigan.

Al Wilkerson, principal of Community High School, said he was pleased to accept the award on behalf of his staff and the school district. He also said that it's gratifying that the district effort to provide an education to students with a variety of

challenges was recognized.

"(We need) to try even harder to come up with ways that will help students succeed," he said.

The award was given to Wilkerson at the Michigan Alternative Education Organization State Conference in Bay City last weekend.

Alternative high schools were conceived to help students who are struggling socially and academically. Though many districts don't shine a light on their alternative programs, Romulus Schools has consistently boasted about their success. Data from the district reveals that 85 percent of graduating seniors seek post-secondary education, said schools spokesman Dick Kruse.

This, combined with policies and programs that make a high school diploma a possibility for students, is the reason the

school won the award, said Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr. At Community High, staffers have seen students struggling with homelessness, abuse, or having to work full-time to help unemployed or underemployed parents, to name a few.

"(We're) very proud of Community High's innovative programs that give students a second, third and fourth chance to discover successful tracks to graduation," he said. "The school's quarterly enrollment system is user-friendly and allows students to adjust to temporary difficulties they may experience."

Two of the school's new programs cited at the awards ceremony are the Ford Partnership for Advanced Studies and an internship program with Eastern Michigan University, Wilkerson said. The Ford partnership helps prepare students

for technology and research and development jobs with the automaker.

"The Ford Program, which is coordinated with the University of Michigan of Dearborn, gives out students exceptional learning opportunities that could lead to high-paying jobs," he said. "It definitely gives them something to look forward to."

Students are also afforded the opportunity to complete their high school degrees while earning college credits from Wayne County Community College District. That two-pronged approach works well for the students and the college, said Richard Galant, president of the Belleville campus of the community college.

"More than 200 Community High students have enrolled in out dual programs and the Community High School students have achieved a 90 percent-plus course completion rate," he said.

News in brief

Ficano to speak to chamber

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Area Chamber of Commerce business luncheon on May 16.

Ficano will speak about business development and opportunities in Romulus, and how county-sponsored programs are helping local establishments.

The official installation of new chamber officers and directors will also take place during the luncheon.

The lunch will take place at noon at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick, Romulus. The cost of the luncheon is \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber office at (734) 326-4290 or by email at info@romuluschamber.org.

Historical Society hosts flea market

It's the time of year to find bargains, and Romulus Historical Society members want to make their annual flea market the shopper's first stop.

The flea market will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Romulus Historical Park. Everything from crafts to furniture will be on sale.

Food and refreshments will be on-hand for shoppers.

Proceeds from the sale of vendor spaces will help fund historical society activities. Vendor spaces cost \$15.

The Romulus Historical Park is located at the corner of Hunt Street and Goddard Road. For more information about the flea market or renting space, call Gloria Chandler at (734) 941-2678.

Sexuality talk scheduled

Parents of middle school students are invited to learn more about how to discuss the complex issues surrounding sexuality and abstinence at a workshop that will take place May 16 at the Oakwood-Inkster Teen Health Center.

The 90-minute workshop is part of an initiative introduced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm called "Talk Early and Talk Often." The goal of the program is to encourage parents to discuss sex and relationships with teenagers. It is aimed at helping parents recognize opportunities to open the door for conversations with young people.

The program is free, but parents are encouraged to reserve a seat because of space limitations. All residents of Wayne County are eligible to attend.

The workshop will take place at Blanchette Middle School at 1771 Henry Ruff Road.

For more information or to register, call the Oakwood-Inkster Teen Health Center at (734) 729-3650.

Gateway - Residents are angry about conditions

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At issue is a complex array of promises and perceptions. Gateway, by far the largest residential development in the city, was first conceived in 1997. The original plan called for 661 units, including 363 single-family homes, 92 duplexes and 206 four-plexes.

The homes surround an 18-hole golf course near Beverly and Van Born roads and have been under construction for about six years.

But residents were recently told there would be more four-plexes, which many residents feel are of a lesser value.

Recently unveiled plans for a clubhouse – which many residents expected would be constructed years ago – are coming a little too late for angry homeowners. A fence that was constructed to keep trespassers away from the homes was also described as

obtrusive and ugly.

"This just isn't what we thought it would be," said Jemison.

Cottone, who owns several real estate properties and at least one other golf course in Michigan, said that this was the first time he's heard these concerns, and that the city and some of the builders he sold parcels of land are at least in part responsible for the problems.

"I think some of the builders may have misled the residents about what would be built here, because I think some of this is due to perceptions," he said after the meeting. "I've honestly never heard of some of these things, but I think we can work through them. And we were held up by the city for about a year as far as the clubhouse is concerned. (City representatives) said we hadn't met a requirement, and they were found to be in error. That really set us back."

He also said the fence – which has been painted in an attempt to satisfy residents – isn't coming down.

Mayor Alan Lambert didn't comment about the role the city played in the issue, but did say he's not sure the city can force the builders or the developer into meeting the wishes of the residents.

"There's nothing in the original PDA (planned development agreement) that says they have to do these things," he said.

Residents of the complex have previously stated that they may seek legal representation.

Jemison said that many residents like living in Romulus, but are disenchanted with their experience with Gateway.

"We have some good things going on in Romulus," said Jemison. "But we could have gone to Canton and got the same things, and it would have looked better."

Budget - Not everyone will agree all of the time

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est in the site, but nothing's happening," Crova said. "We've already spent a lot of money there. I will not vote for any more money to be spent in that area until we have something in place.

Other details of the budget call for the elimination of several vacant positions, including building inspector, firefighter, public relations specialist, police officer, police sergeant, and dispatcher, and co-op positions. The city also

relied heavily on a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) dollars to cover salaries and create a fund balance of about \$178,000.

Individual departmental costs have been reduced as part of the budget. The general government worker's budget has been reduced by \$7,978,051 to \$7,755,336, which is a reduction of about 2.79 percent. The \$12,311,531 public safety budget was reduced to \$11,831,425 for

2006-07, a reduction of about 3.9 percent. Public workers were reduced by 4.9 percent, from \$626,679 in 2005-06 to \$595,491.

Burcroff said that it's common for the council to not have a consensus on the budget.

"There are always going to be things that we don't agree on," he said.

"I'm voting for the budget because I think it's a good one. I look at past budget, and there are some things I would question. We do the best that we can."

Bonds - Neighborhood is city's oldest

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have had to approve costly tax increases to create road repair and enhancement funds, while others have struggled to find ways to make repairs at all. Voters in cities like Ypsilanti, Inkster and Taylor approved measures during the past several years to increase taxes to pay for road and infrastructure repair.

Romulus, however, has chosen a different route. Selling

bonds for the repairs enables the city to tap into funds they don't immediately have to pay back, which gives them a specified time to pay back the bondholders.

The resolution – which was unanimously approved by the Romulus City Council Monday – allows the city to issue up to \$7 million, but it's not known if the project will cost that much.

The work could start as early as this year.

Medal performance

Romulus Middle School students and their teacher, Betty Santo, recently won awards at the annual State Family Career and Community Leader of America Conference in Midland. Here, students (first row) Ashley Linnert and Leanne Dawson join Santo. In the second row are Brittany Little, Ciara Turner and Keli Boyd. In the third row are Karli Gibson, Ashley Wagle, Sheila Reeves, Amanda Wagle and Carmen Plank.



OPINION

What about me?

The ugliness attached to the City of Wayne budget sessions began even before the city administration outlined the proposed document on Tuesday night.

For days before the first study session we received many emails from a lot of different departments in the city and they didn't paint a very nice picture of the city. For a city where the administration touts itself as one that works together as a team to provide the best possible services for residents, there was an awful lot of finger pointing, conspiracy theories and general pandemonium.

We could probably sum up the theme of most of them in three words: 'What about me?'

There were plenty of exhortations to lay off so-and-so, because everybody knew he or she didn't do anything anyway. People affiliated with one program, department, sport or activity pointed to others. There was more back-stabbing evident than in a Shakespearean play or a prime-time melodrama.

Sadly, nobody simply wrote to remind the city council or the administration of the worth that their particular program had to the city, unless they took a swipe at another 'less worthy' program.

This kind of behavior isn't going to help. How the budget cuts fall remains to be seen, but the first impression of the budget is that the city department heads took pains to spread them around equally throughout the city.

It may not seem that way, but that's because of the way the city funds various departments. The parks and recreation department, which has the most employees and received the second highest funding—behind the public safety department—is a perennial target for cuts. It's not because city officials don't know the value of those programs, only that there is more money filtering in there.

The focal point of this anger should not be the various departments or other city employees, it should be directed at the situation, itself. We should not be asking, why does Joe Blow get to keep his job and not me, but rather, why has it come to this? Didn't we plan ahead? What did officials think would happen in a state that seems to be recovering more slowly than others in the nation?

So far, this has been a sad study in human nature. If we walk down the street and see a bus hurtling toward us, nobody would admit that their first reaction would be to throw someone else in front of it to slow it down and save their own skin. Hopefully, we would strive to get everyone out of the way, find a new course for the runaway bus and determine what went wrong in the first place.

Hang up on this proposal

The Detroit City Council brought up an idea, recently, to ticket drivers using cell phones as they navigate through their community.

This asinine idea has been visited at the state level, too, but so far nothing has come from it.

That's a good thing.

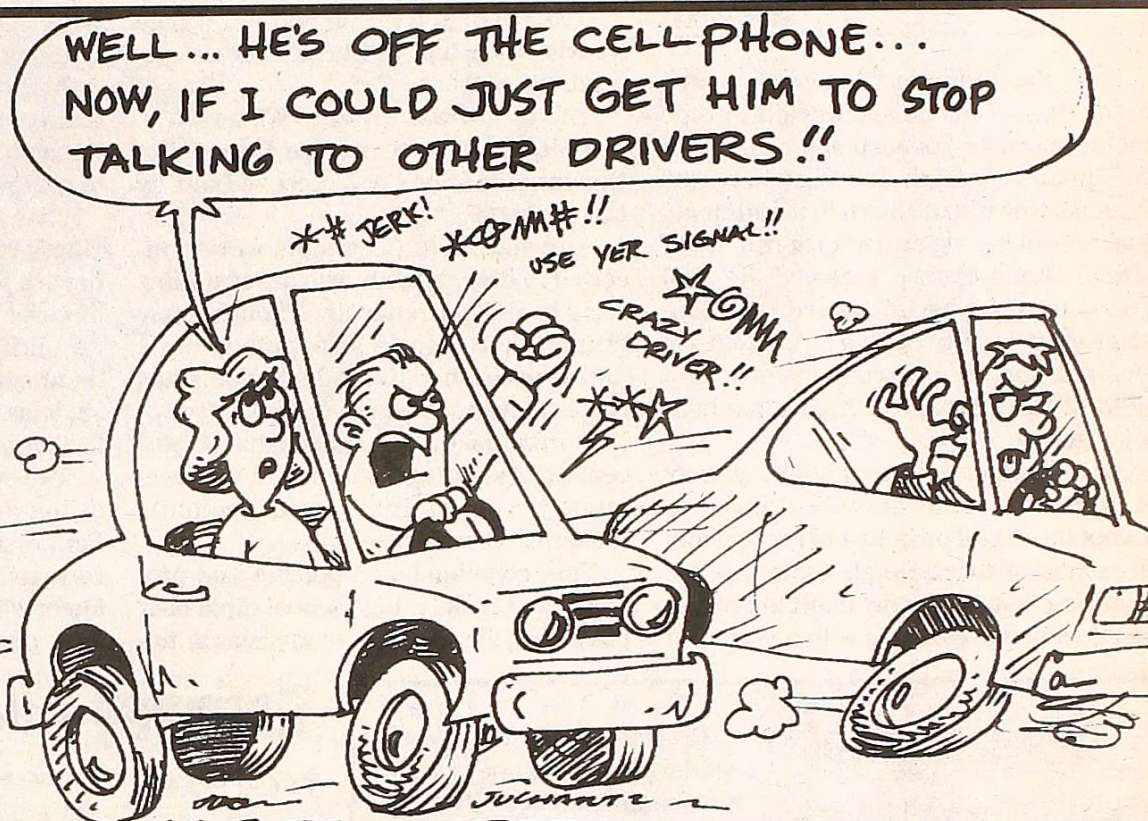
We understand the idea behind it: that distracted drivers are unsafe drivers, but we disagree with the rationality of targeting cell phone users and we certainly don't think any one municipality should act on it until there is broader legislation approved at the state or federal levels.

After all, why is using a cell phone any less safe than the other things we tend to do while driving?

Why is it unsafe to talk on a cell phone, but acceptable to shave with an electric razor, put on some make-up or eat a taco? Each is distracting in its own right.

The difference is that cell phone companies offer these things call

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Communities all need a plan

I sometimes wonder if a master plan is just a concept brought up during election cycles and forgotten soon afterward.

At least here in Wayne, that is.

Actually, the master plan came up recently during a special meeting of the Wayne Planning Commission. Four members of the commission attended a seminar not too long ago hosted by the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP). The seminar took place in Lansing, and was designed to give planning commissioners and members of Zoning Boards of Appeals an idea of what their roles—and their powers—were. Fueled by that knowledge, the four members wanted to brainstorm about ways they could proactively spur change in the city and help economic development.

There was a lot of good discussion at the meeting, although it ended somewhat awkwardly and without a clear plan of what would happen next.

Some of the interesting discussion focused on the master plan, too. It didn't seem like everybody in the room was on the same page about it; most were surprised that it dated back to 1961 and hasn't been amended since.

The reasons for that were several: once you

update and amend a master plan, you're pretty much forced to do it every five years. And land uses haven't changed all that much during that time span.

Well, isn't that the problem?

Of course, the budget situation came up. It takes money to update a master plan—you usually need consultants and all that. Some could make the case that the City of Wayne isn't exactly in the shape to take on added expenses.

Well, here's my issue with that argument. No matter where you go, elected officials and municipal administrators will tell you they're all in the same boat. Everybody's suffering. Heck, Canton Township is laying off people in the building department, for God's sake.

But many places are still planning for the future, and spending money on it. Here are a few examples: the City of Northville is in the midst of a downtown strategic planning session that cost them more than \$50,000. In Northville, a place many consider an ideal urban community, officials believe they can

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Art may soothe frustrated drivers

It is almost outlandish, at first, to consider Ford Road as anything but a necessary evil.

There's no reason to drive down it, after all, unless you need to eat or shop or get on the expressway; or if you enjoy raising your blood pressure in record time or thinking about where all these people are coming from and Shouldn't they all be at home or work? It's 11 in the friggin' morning!

As Canton Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin noted recently, everybody talks about Ford Road and only in a negative way. The businesses are set too far back; construction is never-ending; traffic congestion might never be fully unclogged; someone placed a big blue box at Haggerty and so forth.

Fixing Ford Road won't be easy. Traffic improvements come little by little, and only as fast as money can be found for them. Too slowly, perhaps, to keep up with the sheer volume of cars that is both a boon to business and a pain in the neck of customers.

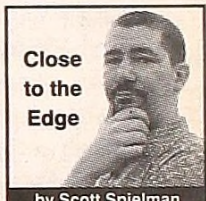
At the same time, the township and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which funds improvements along Ford, has chosen to enhance the aesthetics of the strip. The preliminary results have been hit and miss. Landscaping and major chain retailers have helped, such as the Target expansion and the new Lowe's. You can't say the same about the decorative streetlamps, though, because Ford is so wide and you're too

busy trying not to hit the Hummer turning left in front of you to admire them. At night, the streetlamps hardly do their primary job, which is not to look nice but to illuminate the road. Too much of the light—up to 70 percent—escapes uselessly into the sky, and as pointed out by Eastern Michigan University Sherzer Observatory: "These 'pretty' acorn-type fixtures that are supposed to enhance the scene actually produce a cold, excess glare, make seeing cars difficult while driving."

That's not to say that this big street isn't benefiting from TLC. Ford Road is too important to Canton, and that's why it was so exciting to witness the unveiling of sculptor Ken Thomson's design for a large public art piece, dubbed "Canton's Community Arch," which will be placed permanently at the southeast corner of Ford and Canton Center roads, in front of the TCF Bank.

Ford is an unlikely art gallery, but this might just work. In a town where all the buildings are one-storied and all-brick (except for that blue box, of course), the arch will stand in bold contrast. Thomson's design is large and striking, and his talent is clear. The arch will have detractors, of course; but loving it isn't a requirement for good art. Also, there are eight temporary pieces that will

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LETTERS

Homeless man thanks mayor

To the editor:

In a few days the warming center at the Full Gospel Tabernacle on Palmer between Wildwood and Venoy will close for the winter.

I, Josphe Polaczyk, and other homeless people thank the foresight of the mayor of Westland to not judge us by our appearance as we have been hassled by the Westland and Wayne police constantly throughout the year. Yes, they are doing their job but show no or very little compassion for the homeless, constantly stopping and harassing people at night assuming we are trouble and must be doing something wrong. I hope this does not continue.

I beg that the mayor create some kind of commission to address these grievances of the homeless who have little or no rights in the eyes of the police.

We thank the good people who took time out of their lives to help us to survive another winter with love and compassion toward us in our time of need. Especially those who for many years have

helped me personally to not give up and to trust in God to survive. Al these people who believed in us made another winter bearable and spring has spring and we all go our separate ways.

I personally have broke bread and yes, drank a 40-ounce or two, but these people have great potential, given proper encouragement and dignity. I hope this can be the start of a new day as the economy is showing signs that many will be soon homeless and in need of a place to go. Thank you, mayor, once again for your faith in the homeless.

Joe Polaczyk,
U.A.W. Ford Retiree,
Michigan Truck Plant
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Program cuts criticized

To the editor:

During all of the buzz about proposed program cuts and eliminations, I am curious to why your newspaper chose to showcase the ice skating team? Stage Door- the Adult Fund Raising Theatre Group for the City of

Wayne is in a Current Run of “A Miracle Worker-The Helen Keller Story” and we even had someone speak with a representative from your paper who said he would come out and cover us to no avail.

We showcased talents of both local adults and children and were well received at each performance thus far.

Stage Door is also being threatened. Unlike many of the other groups and programs, we have held our own and are NOT bleeding the city dry for funds. We are an organized fundraising group that has been challenged with this task for years.

It would be a tragedy to cut out a program that is not entirely relying on public funding. We operate the Children’s Stage IV program and summer programs as well. With hard times, scaling back may be needed but totally cutting out our program would not save the city anything.

Karen Martin,
Wayne

Plan

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improve their town and are willing to spend money on it. In Northville Township, the board of trustees just approved a \$60,000 contract with a firm to act as an economic development coordinator because—in one of the hottest growing communities in Wayne County—the trustees are concerned about staying competitive and building a sustainable community.

As the old business saying goes, sometimes you have to spend money to make money.

I don’t think Wayne can afford not to plan. I think the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) should have a \$40,000 line item

every year for planning or consulting. If they don’t use it, fine—throw it back for the next year.

That’s not to say Wayne hasn’t adapted, somewhat. The planning department has successfully eliminated future automotive uses from south Wayne Road and turned a former industrial district across from the parking garage into a business and residential zone, to name a few successes.

That’s no reason not to crack open the master plan, solicit some citizen input and get it current with the times. So what if it’s something that will need to be done every five years. I say good; it will allow the city to better adapt, it will show the residents that they’re trying to plan ahead and it will give them some input in the process. Isn’t that what good government is all about?

Phones

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hands free devices. You can’t eat a taco without using one hand—probably two. More than likely this effort to push through legislation like this stems from telephone company lobbying efforts:

if the wireless devices are safe and can help cell phone users avoid a ticket, then they’ll sell more of them.

Trying to improve safety on the road this way is feel good legislation, but it’s hardly practical.

We’d all be better off if people just starting using common sense. And that goes for legislators, too.

Art

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be on display along Ford for a year starting this month.

The idea is to get people talking about them—about something other than what time the kids need to be picked up from soccer practice or whether to eat at Ruby Tuesday’s or Outback (Not to slam them; I like them both, but they aren’t exclusive to Canton). Like the Village Theater, public

art gives Canton a chance to explore life in a deeper way. It’s elitist or condescending to encourage thinking in different ways—to put something plainly before one and say, “What do you think?”

I only foresee one major, if temporary, problem with the installation: it will occur around the end of this summer, when a state project to replace a bridge near Ford and Canton Center will cause major frustrations there. The Ford Road we all hate will give a rude welcome to one Canton is trying to create.

Nobody said art was easy, either.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan to consider establishing an Industrial Development District pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for **Future Tool and Machine Inc., 28900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan

Parcel: 82 80 05199 0019 701 Property Address: 28888 Goddard
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Parcel: 82 80 051 99 0019 702 Property Address: 28900 Goddard
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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than May 22, 2006 at 12 o’clock noon, Prevailing Eastern Time to the attention of:

City of Romulus
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

CC: Wayne County Bureau of Taxation
Wayne County Intermediate School District
Wayne County Community College
Romulus Community Schools
Romulus Tax Assessor

Publish: May 11, 2006

1954 PA 188 Proceedings
Notice to the Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest
Subdivisions Special Assessment District
Special Assessment Hearing
Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE LAKE CREST AND BELLE HARBOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions Special Assessment District Public Road Improvement (hereafter referred to as the PROJECT) benefited by the PROJECT. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the PROJECT and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions Special Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the PROJECT Engineer on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of \$6,949.00 per lot and additionally a 10% contingency amount if and only if necessary to be used.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said district is the same and is levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcel with the exception of two lake front outlots known as V-125-83-086-02-0001-000 and V-125-83-086-01-0046-005.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie D. Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Post: April 7, 2006
Publish: April 13, 2006
May 11, 2006

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 24, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to approve the agenda as amended. *

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-148

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 10, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

06-149

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to schedule a public hearing on May 22, 2006, 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Romulus City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on request from Elkins Machine and Tool Co., Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-150

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to grant a no-fee permit for yard sales to Saint City Church of God in Christ, April 22nd , 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., April 28th & 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and May 6th and 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to be held on the northeast corner of Wayne Road and Vinewood, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-151

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Al DeBuysscher.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-152

4A2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution congratulating Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hackett on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-153

4A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ed Kreyger.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-154

5A1 . Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-28:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Cable Fund				
211-5140-751.70-20	Regular Salary&Wages	79,625	1,210	80,835
211-5140-751.72-10	Social Security	6,617	75	6,692
211-5140-751.72.20	Medicare	1,548	18	1,566
211-5140-751.72-30	Retirement	7,564	115	7,676
Fund Balance				
211-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	139,610	(1,418)	138,192

To allocate funds for Cable Directors' additional duties.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
101-1210-712.72-40	Health Care - Mayor	39,901	2,040	41,941
101-1310-713.72-40	Health Care - Clerk	52,404	4,250	56,654
101-1320-713.72-40	Health Care - Election	9,780	441	10,221
101-1410-714.72-40	Health Care - Treasurer	47,748	3,840	51,588
101-2110-721.72-40	Health Care - Assessor	63,886	3,650	67,536
101-2210-722.72-40	Health Care - Comm Dev	3,744	2,076	5,820
101-2310-723.72-40	Health Care - Finance	60,943	7,347	68,295
101-2410-724.72-40	Health Care - Human Resources	31,428	8,260	40,688
101-3210-732.72-40	Health Care - Ordinance	20,150	2,340	22,490
101-3310-733.72-40	Health Care - Animal Control	25,384	635	26,019
101-4110-741.72-40	Health Care - DPW	59,286	2,085	61,371
101-4130-741.72-40	Health Care - Building & Grounds	209,847	7,188	217,035
101-4140-741.72-40	Health Care - Cemetery	15,765	875	16,640
101-5110-751.72-40	Health Care - Recreation	49,557	6,086	55,623
101-5120-752.72-40	Health Care - Library	5,893	325	6,218
Contingency				
101-2920-729.89-01	Contingency	455,153	(52,196)	402,955
Motor Route				
202-4210-742.72-40	Health Care - Routine Maintenance	23,409	1,058	24,467
202-4220-742.72-40	Health Care - Traffic services	3,345	151	3,496
202-4230-742.72-40	Health Care - Winter Maintenance	3,344	261	3,625
202-4240-742.72-40	Health Care - Ditching	3,344	749	4,093
Fund Balance				
202-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,669,011	(2,239)	1,666,772
Local Streets				
203-4310-743.72-40	Health Care - Routine Maintenance	37,622	1,702	39,324
203-4320-743.72-40	Health Care - Traffic services	4,013	357	4,370
203-4330-743.72-40	Health Care - Winter Maintenance	2,508	243	2,751
203-4340-743.72-40	Health Care - Ditching	6,019	1,005	7,024
Fund Balance				
203-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	263,372	(3,307)	260,065
Cable Fund				
211-5140-751.72-40	Health Care - Cable	21,818	755	22,573
Fund Balance				
211-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	136,335	(755)	137,580
DDA Fund				
295-7410-774.72-40	Health Care - DDA	20,680	2,506	23,386
295-7410-774.79-00	Contingency	1,468	(1,468)	0
Fund Balance				
295-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	222,970	(1,038)	221,932
TIFA Fund				
297-7210-772.72-40	Health Care - TIFA	24,588	4,887	29,475
297-7210-772.79-00	Contingency	1,000	(1,000)	0
Fund Balance				
297-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	6,501,171	(3,687)	6,497,484
Water & Sewer Fund				
592-4510-745.72-40	Health Care - Water	123,616	9,662	133,300
592-4520-745.72-40	Health Care - Sewer	123,616	9,662	133,300
Retained Earnings				
592-0000-395.00-00	Retained Earnings	3,557,354	(19,384)	3,537,960

06-155

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-30:

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-156

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-31:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expenditure				
101-2310-723.70-20	Regular Wages	364,181	(7,029)	357,152
101-2310-723.72-10	Social Security	23,233	(436)	22,797
101-2310-723.72.20	Medicare	5,434	(102)	5,332
101-2310-723.74-30	Retirement	34,597	(668)	33,929
101-2310-723.74-97	Retiree Benefits	23,490	(453)	23,037
Fund Balance				
101-2210-722.70-20	Regular Wages	13,224	7,029	20,253
101-2210-722.72-10	Social Security	848	436	1,284
101-2210-722.72-20	Medicare	198	102	300
101-2210-722.72-30	Retirement	1,256	668	1,924
101-2210-722.74-97	Retiree Benefits	853	453	1,306

To transfer funds for a Teamster position posted and awarded.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

06-157

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-32:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expenditure				
101-2410-724.74-21	Employment Processing	37,000	1,100	38,100
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,506,440	(1,100)	1,505,340

To cover additional expenses for entry-level police testing.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-158

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with Assistant DPW Director Richard Suiter and authorize the repairs to the DPW Roads Division Dump Truck by Truck Tech Engineers, Inc. and the DPW Mechanics in the amount of \$2,796.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-159

5F. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director, and Lynn Conway, Purchasing Coordinator and authorize the purchase of ten (10) Second Chance Monarach Summit Level 111 replacement panels for the Romulus Police Department in the amount of \$8,125.00 from On Duty Gear, LLC.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Postal workers plan area wide food drive

Soon, anyone will be able to help hundreds of families throughout western Wayne County without leaving their yard.

Post offices throughout the area are participating in a Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 13, and the Wayne, Plymouth and Belleville post offices have agreed to give half of their supplies to the Outreach Center at St. Mary's Church in Wayne.

"This will be the first year that we will be receiving a donation from Plymouth and Belleville," said Shelli Jump, director of the Outreach Center. "Last year Plymouth and Belleville collected over 45,000 pounds of food. That's a lot of food!"

The Outreach Center operates out of a building on the corner of Sims Avenue and Second Street in Wayne. Opened in 2002, it serves families in 13 different communities in Wayne County—from Romulus and Wayne to Redford, Plymouth and Northville. Jump said 400 families get food and other supplies from the center every month and estimates that it helps out 1,200 people.

The need was pretty evident when the facility first opened. It opened with little fanfare or promotion, but evidently word had spread.

"We had people waiting," she said. "They had heard, somehow that we were opening

up. I was really baffled."

About 130 families used the facility in the first month, she said. The increase to 400 families a month is due to an increased need, not a larger area.

"Our boundaries have stayed the same," she said. "We've always covered the same area."

The Letter Carrier's Food Drive is taking place throughout western Wayne County. Residents are asked to put out non-perishable food items as well as other necessities like toiletries—things that cannot be purchased with food stamps. The postal carriers take the food back to their respective offices and volunteers will bring it from their to the outreach center. Jump estimates that she'll have about 25 volunteers helping out that day, too.

Jump said she thinks the Outreach Center will pass a major milestone before it celebrates its four-year anniversary in September. By then, more than one million pounds of food and supplies will have been distributed.

"It's something to be proud of," she said. "We always wonder what would've happened if we weren't here."

Anyone who wants to donate at other times or help out at the center can call (734) 326.2234.

Police Briefs

Residents arrested for robbery, assault

Two Belleville residents were arrested last week for an attempted robbery and assault that took place at Belleville High School.

A 15-year-old and a 16-year-old male were arrested at about 7:30 a.m. last Friday after they were caught attempting to steal a cell phone from another person, according to Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor.

A school janitor called the police from the school. Officials then arrived on the scene, investigated and brought the two males into custody, Taylor said.

The suspects were released to their parents pending the issue of warrants. The paperwork will now be forwarded to the prosecuting attorneys office, Taylor said.

Resident arrested for narcotic possession

An 18-year-old Belleville resident was arrested on Sunday after he was caught in possession of 60 grams of narcotics.

According to Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, the suspect was caught at about 2 a.m. on May 7 on the 200 block of South Street in downtown Belleville.

Taylor said the suspect was pulled over by police officials for a traffic violation. The suspect is awaiting arraignment.

CITY OF ROMULUS CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan to consider establishing an Industrial Development District pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for **Elkins Machine and Tool Company, Inc. 27510 Northline Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan

Parcel: 82 80 096 01 0005 000 Property Address: 27482 Northline
24A5 6A LOT 5 ALSO W 14F LOT 6 VERTES INDUSTRIAL T3S R9E L89
P55 WCR

Parcel: 82 80 096 01 0004 000 Property Address: 27510 Northline
24A4 LOT 4 VERTES INDUSTRIAL T3S R9E L89 P55 WCR

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than May 22, 2006 at 12 o'clock noon, Prevailing Eastern Time to the attention of:

City of Romulus
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
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Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485

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cc: Wayne County Bureau of Taxation
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Just rewards

More than 40 volunteers from the Sumpter Township Senior Center were honored recently for their public service. Awards were also given to two business volunteers who have distinguished themselves throughout the year with donations of time, money and supplies. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) was on hand to join in the celebration to those who give of themselves to serve others through the community and other ways. "Volunteers are people who capture my attention," said Patterson. "Without them Sumpter would be less than what it is today. There would still be the beauty of open space and the touch of nature, but there would be something missing, that personal touch. There would be a hole that needs filling; a chunk out of the community that needed repair." Pictured are business volunteer award winners Mike Mockeridge, from left, and Keith Uutinen with Brenda Jameyfield, Sumpter Community Center director, Patterson and Karen Armatis, a Sumpter Township trustee.

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Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-160

5G. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Acting DPW Director, Patrick Hogan, and authorize adoption of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Operating Procedures for the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

06-161

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with Director off Human Resources/Labor Relations to adopt a resolution authorizing the Municipal Employee' Retirement System (MERS) to increase the City of Romulus employee contribution percentage from 4% to 5% for the POAM Division 2 effective June 30, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-162

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to schedule a Study Session on June 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the City of Romulus Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of discussing the 2006 Pavement Maintenance Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-163

6B. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the request of City Treasurer, Pamela Kersey and authorize attendance at the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute to be held at Central Michigan University on May 9 - 12, 2006 and the National Treasurer's Conference to be held in Memphis, Tennessee on July 22-26, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-164

11. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds for payment in the amount of One Million, Three Hundred, Thirty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$1,337,244.16).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 24, 2006.

Linda R: Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 11, 2006

THE SCENE

Mission Impossible III Supporting cast steals the show

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Reader, this is the review of *Mission Impossible III*, if you choose to accept it.

The only thing impossible about *M:I-3*, as it is called in Hollywood jargon, is the fact that it isn't all bad.

It isn't all good, either, but I believe audiences have learned to live with the state of Hollywood these days. Critics on the other hand...

Although *Mission* led the box office in its opening weekend, I can almost guarantee that critics weren't jumping up on their couches with wild-eyed amusement, pumping their fists yelling, 'I love it! I want to see this movie!'

However, fans are more forgiving than critics and will welcome back their favorite furniture gymnast and Scientologist, Tom Cruise, as the super spy Ethan Hunt for this third installment.

Pushing Cruise's bizarre off-screen antics out of mind proved to be the real challenge in heading to the theater on Friday night. Fortunately, there was help.

Heading to the multiplex with low expectations actually had an advantage. It set up for a pleasant surprise that had nothing to do with Cruise at all. His supporting cast made the movie. Phillip Seymour Hoffman actually stole the show. He shed his shell of Truman Capote oddities for the skin of a no-conscience, no-remorse psychopathic super villain, Owen Davian, who deals weapons and information on the black market.

Hoffman is dazzling in different ways in *Mission* than he was in his Oscar-winning Capote performance. He serves up some of the most chilling anti-hero speeches to date and does so in such grueling manner it makes you think he was

born for the role.

Likable veteran Ving Rhames, as Luther Strickell—Hunt's long-time friend and Impossible Mission Force (IMF) team member—joins Cruise. Also in the ensemble are transportation specialist Declan (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) and background operative, who's stunning in a red dress, Zhen (Maggie Q)—both are likable characters with too little screen time.

Lawrence Fishburne is the IMF hard-nosed big boss, John Brassel, and Billy Crudrup plays Hunt's handler, Musgrave. So the cast is there and Cruise blends in rather than stands out, which is good for him right now.

Directing the super cast is J.J. Abrams and he's no stranger to hits, either. He co-created two of ABC's biggest television shows—*Alias* and *Lost*.

Abrams takes a risk with *Mission* and lands the audience at the end of the film first with one of the most powerful scenes where Davian holds a gun to a female's head threatening to shoot her in front of a tied up Hunt. The risk pays off as the scene holds the audience's attention the rest of the ride.

The film quickly changes pace as Abrams cuts to an engagement party for Hunt and his fiancée Julia (Michelle Monaghan). Hunt is no longer an active agent and tries his hand at training new recruits. However, Julia, and everyone associated with the couple, thinks Hunt studies traffic pattern for the Department of Transportation. This is an attempt to humanize Cruise's character and mesh real life with his character's secret one.

That is until midway through the party he

gets a call, enticing him back into active duty.

The mission, if he chooses to accept it, is to save fresh recruit Felicity, I mean Lindsey (Keri Russell), from Davian's hold in Germany.

The results are disastrous, knocking down the first of a series of dominos that sends Hunt and his loyal team on trip to Vatican City in search of the elusive Davian.

That mission is successful. However, when they bring Davian in, his cohorts rescue him with some pretty impressive force.

Then it was Davian's turn. He kidnaps Julia and forces Hunt to seek out an object called the 'rabbit's foot' and sometimes called 'anti-god'—a substance that could destroy the world if it fell into the wrong hands. Davian gives Hunt 48 hours to extract the object from China.

If you find yourself wondering if Hunt's split life on screen has any resemblance to Cruise's real one, you're not alone. Before Cruise's off-screen meltdown before the

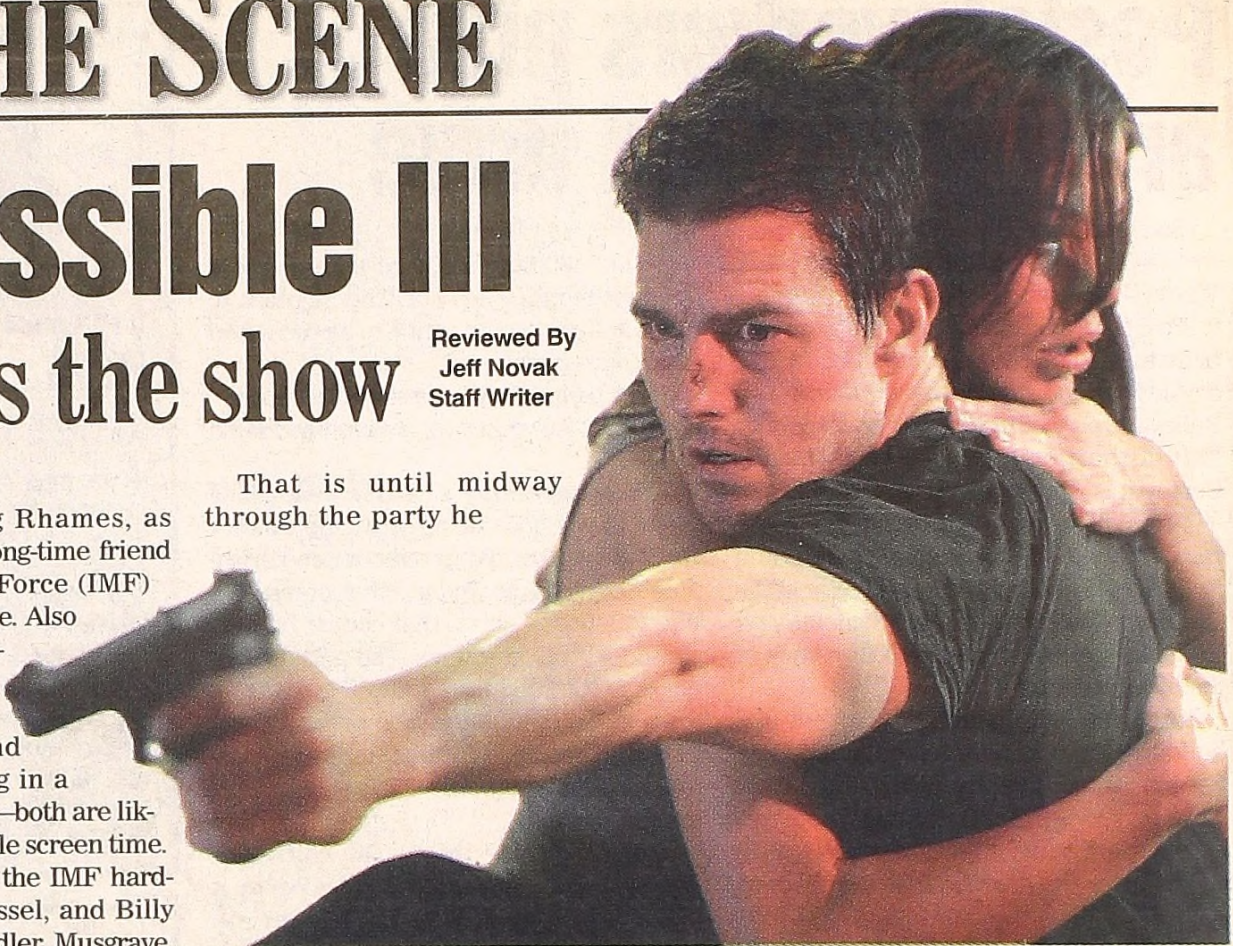
release of last summer's *War of the Worlds*, Cruise was a respectably private guy off camera. Now he wants everyone to know everything, especially how feels. Some *Mission* moviegoers commented on how he the character Lindsey resembled Cruise's ex-wife Nicole Kidman and how Julia resembles Katie Holmes. Coincidence? Perhaps.

The one impressive thing about Cruise's performance is his ambition and willingness to perform his own stunts. Be it base jumping off of an 80-story building or getting blown into inanimate objects from the force of a missile explosion, it is supposedly all Cruise all the time—sort of like the tabloid headlines.

On the down side, the film's action-packed sequences are often interrupted with, at times, hokey romance scenes that don't keep pace.

So enter at your own risk. There's nothing impossible or new about *M:I-3* but just remember there's more to it than Cruise.

This message, unlike Cruise's career, will self-destruct in five seconds...



American Haunting actors need a real plot

Based on a 'true' story, *American Haunting* follows the trials and tribulations of one family as all things unholy are

unleashed on their happy family.

With a stellar cast and an interesting plot, it could have been a great film. Unimpressive effects and poor camera choices take their toll, however, and suck much of the power out of the movie.

The film is based upon an allegedly true event that has

lived on in American folklore for nearly 200 years. According to legend, and the film, in the early 1800s members of the wealthy, prominent Bell family of Tennessee have everything going their way. Then, out of nowhere, things change and inexplicable things start to happen. They are minor at first—untraceable noises and voices in the wind. But as time passes, the haunting or poltergeist activity grows more active and increasingly violent, particularly toward the head of the household, John Bell (Donald Sutherland) and his beloved daughter, Betsy (Rachel Hurd-Wood). The household, including Betsy's devoted mother, Lucy Bell (Sissy Spacek) are left to try and figure out who or what is exacting such horrific revenge on the family.

Is there a logical explanation? Is it a witch? Or is the Devil itself after them for some reason?

Neither

religion nor education has provided the answer and now the family must figure out what it will take to make the problems stop.

The premise of the story—a classic tale well known to fans of parapsychology—is an interesting jumping off point for a thriller and in many ways the film excels. The acting is spectacular, the unspoken mood of terror and uncertainty comes through the film loud and clear, and unlike many suspense or horror films, the plot and the characters are both logical and reasonable. It also does an excellent job of tying the film into the problems and issues still plaguing society.

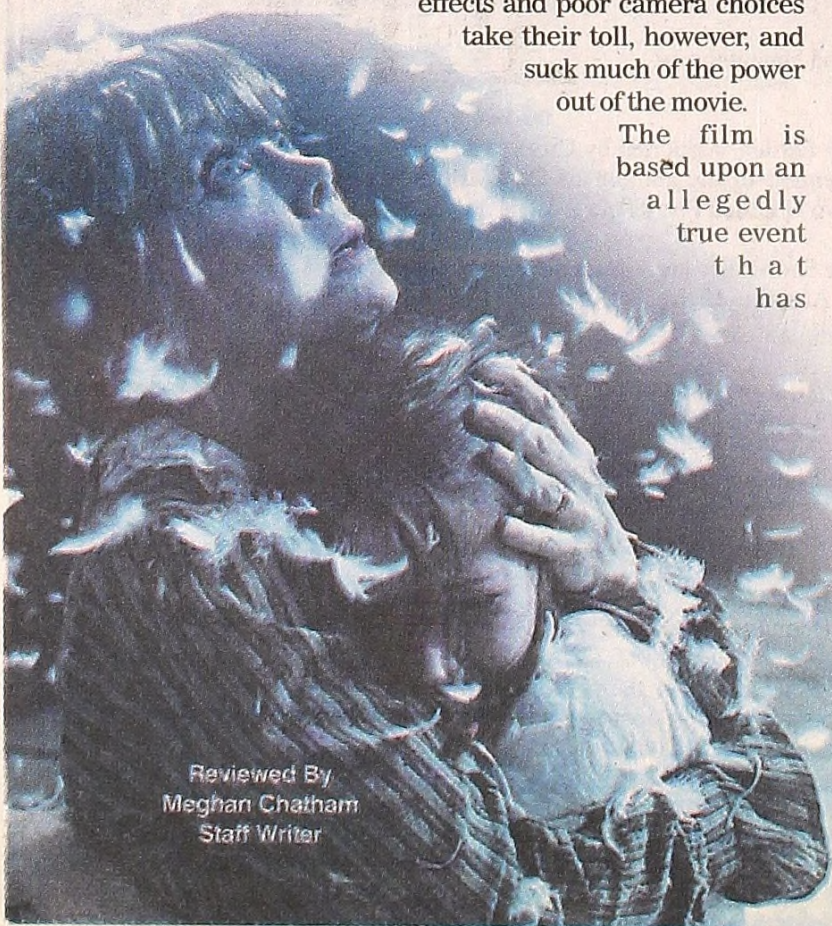
Despite its strengths, though, *American Haunting* ends up as only an average film. It's primary problem is the numerous cheap thrills—something springing from the corner of a shot, strobe effects, and other basic carnival funhouse tricks—that simply don't do the otherwise sophisticated film justice.

Anyone who suffers from motion sickness may also wish to

bring their Dramamine with them to the theater. When the film-maker apparently can't think of anything new and original to do with a shot, the finished film frequently resorts to more art-house style camera work with shots whirling in circles, on curves, and zooming up-and-down at unusual angles. Rather than a cutting edge method of keeping audiences uncertain of what to expect or of building suspense, though, the trick shots are overused and the end result is more distracting than disturbing.

The movie ultimately avoids the ineffective and obvious feeling of 'true' films like *The Blair Witch Project*, but it still has plenty of room for improvement. The verdict? The power of the cast and the storyline make *An American Haunting* a film worth seeing—just don't expect too much.

The film has a PG-13 rating and a running time of about 90 minutes. It is designed as a psychological thriller rather than a blood-and-gore style horror film, so on-screen violence is kept to a minimum.



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The Miracle Worker

Final performances are this weekend

Scott Spielman
Editor

The latest production of the Wayne Adult Community Theater and Stage Door group literally brings history to life.

The group is putting on William Gibson's *The Miracle Worker*, according to Colleen Meyer, arts and entertainment supervisor for the City of Wayne. It will run for one more weekend at the State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue, with a special Mother's Day performance on Sunday, too.

"It's such a phenomenal show," Meyer said. "It's so touching. You walk out of the show and you're in tears."

The play follows the early life of American iconic figure Helen Keller and her relationship with Annie Sullivan. It follows Keller's life from infancy to about the age of 8.

"(Her parents) are thinking of putting her in an asylum," Meyer said. "Up until that point, she can't communicate with anyone."

That's when Sullivan, a 20-year-old, enters the scene and the rest, they say, is history.

Meyer said the performances in the production are astounding. Kelly Donnelly, a 10-year-old, plays Helen and brings quite a passion to the role.

"I've never seen so much commitment in an actor that age,"

Meyer said.

Debbie Pletzer is just as astounding as Annie Sullivan and kudos also go out to Butch Plague,

"
It's so touching. You walk out of the show and you're in tears.
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Colleen Meyer

who plays Capt. Keller and Cheryl Lee, who plays Kate Keller.

The production is directed by Kirk Haas, who has directed the last two library shows. Meyer said he had quite a task, too, dealing with actors as young as 6—and even a dog.

"It's such a difficult show to direct because it's so physical," Meyer said. "He has done a tremendous job molding the cast into these distinct, strong characters."

The show takes place at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the State Wayne Theater, just west of Wayne Road on Michigan Avenue. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$8 for children 12 and younger. Group rates are available.

On Mother's Day, the group will put on a 2 p.m. matinee, but there is also a lunch package that includes a buffet lunch at the

Wayne Community Center from noon to 1:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets for that are \$25 for adults and \$18 for those 12 and younger. At the door, they are \$28 for adults and \$20 for those 12 and younger. Group rates and family packages are available. For more information or to order tickets, call the community center at (734) 721-7400.

Proceeds go to support the adult and youth theater programs in the city, which are in danger of being canceled due to budget cuts.



The relationship between Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller comes to life in William Gibson's *A Miracle Worker*.

Rotary Clubs to host 'international meeting'

When the members of the Wayne Rotary get together on Tuesday it will be an international event.

The noon International Fellowship Luncheon will be open to Rotarians in the 6400 District and hosted at the Wayne Community Center, according to Project Chair Art Quintal.

It will feature several special guests, including Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and Eddie Francis, the mayor of Windsor, Ontario.

"They will exchange community greetings and present each other with keys to their respective cities," Quintal said. "This is a good example of how Rotary District 6400 exemplifies real international cooperation."

In addition to being the mayors of their respective towns, Haidous and Francis have another thing in common: both are of Lebanese descent.

"They're held in high esteem by their constituents and are very popular within their communities," Quintal said.

The guest speaker will be Jennifer Jones, a candidate for the District 6400 Governor. She'll speak under the topic: Imagine the Possibilities, and

discuss ways Rotary International can help resolve world conflicts.

A partner at Media Street Productions, a television production company that was named Company of the Year by the Windsor and District Chamber of Commerce, Jones has worked in New York City and the Caribbean.

"She is, without question, an outstanding example of Rotary's Motto—Service Above Self," Quintal said.

Quintal said he developed the program when he heard of the similarities between the two mayors. He said he wants to bring in a good crowd for the event, and that Jim Karolyi, district governor, has requested all fellow Rotarians to support and attend the luncheon.

Haidous said the city sponsored a mayoral exchange program in the past, but had to drop it through budget cuts. He said he's looking forward to meeting his counterpart and taking part in the program.

The event will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on May 16 at the community center, which is located at Howe and Annapolis roads in Wayne. For more information, call Quintal at (734) 722-8925 or email him at Aquin16987@aol.com.

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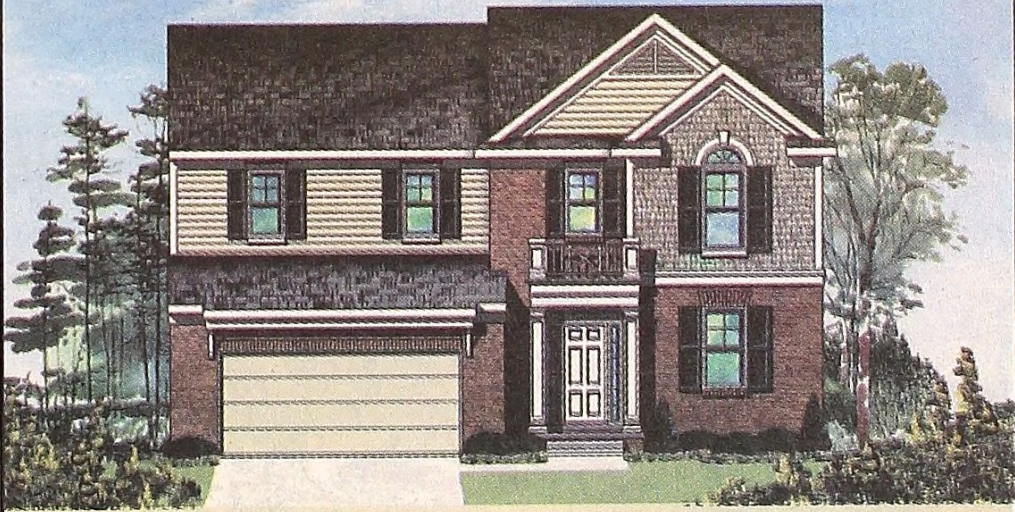
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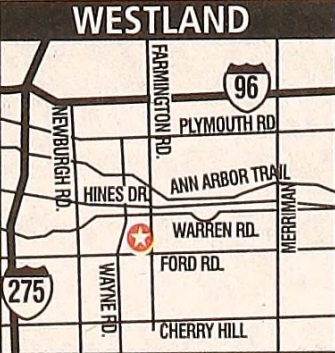
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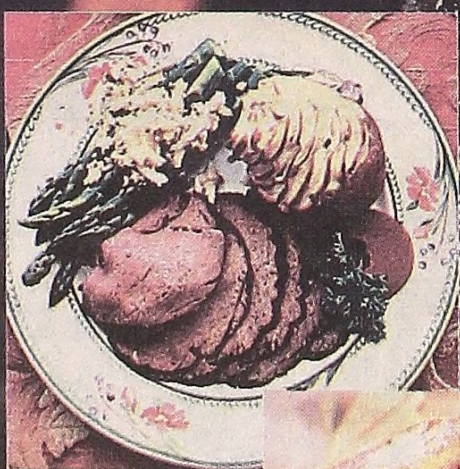


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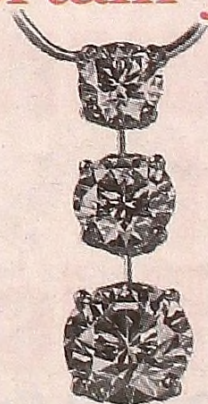
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SPORTS

Resilient Lady Mustangs shut out Franklin, split with Plymouth

Scott Spielman
Editor

Northville softball coach Teryn Fox learned something about her team in Friday's doubleheader against Plymouth.

She learned that her Lady Mustang squad is resilient. They lifted themselves back up after a loss in the first game for a hefty win in the second.

"We should not have lost that first game," Fox said. "Errors really hurt us. But I was really impressed with how the girls bounced back."

All four of Plymouth's runs were unearned in the first game, according to Fox. Northville squeezed out a run in the second inning and senior Laura Zima scored two runs in the third.

However, the Mustangs made some errors that cost them the game.

Sophomore hurler Jenna Dumbleton suffered the loss from the circle.

Northville was down, but not out. The team that includes seven returning seniors from last season pulled together and pulled out a 6-1 victory in the second game.

Seniors Christy Badeen, Bridget Hughes and Zima all went 2-for-4 at the plate. Zima had a double.

Freshman newcomer Sarah Rounsifer nailed a two-run double in the first inning to get the Lady 'Stangs running. The First five hitters actually had hits. Four of them scored for a 4-0 lead after one.

Plymouth scored its lone run on an error in the second, according to Fox.

Northville scored another in the second and one in the fifth to put the game away.

The team is now at 13-3 overall and 8-2 in the Western Lakes. The record is in part due to the experience the team has. The seven seniors include Badeen at first and shortstop; Emily Doren in outfield and infield; Hughes at second; Kelly Lockman in the outfield; Lisa Mueller in outfield; and Zima at third and behind the plate.

Northville also has two returning juniors. Elise Fleishaker is set to play in the outfield and Emma Wise will round out the outfield. Dumbleton is the lone returning sophomore. With last year's stellar hurler Jane Kruszewski graduated, Dumbleton and sophomore newcomer Allison Holmes will share duties from the circle. Dumbleton has racked up a 9-3 record as a starter and Holmes in undefeated with four wins and two saves. Holmes could also see some time at first.

New to the varsity roster this year is junior catcher and utility player Andrea Soloko, outfielder junior

Kirstyn Wildey; sophomore shortstop Kelsey Lewis; freshman pitcher and utility player Samantha Doud; Rounsifer, playing catcher, third base and pitcher.

Fox is new to the head coaching position but is not new to the Northville system. She was the assistant varsity coach under now retired Jean Calabrese for the last three years.

"It's been a good transition," she said. "We're having a good year. There are more responsibilities off the field, behind the scenes. On the field, I was confident. I also have the help of great assistant coaches. Chuck Fox, my dad, is a big help and Jim Long has been with the program for a long time."

The team used their experience at all levels to put away Livonia Franklin, 4-0, on Monday.

Hughes and Wise led off an exciting first inning with singles. Then Zima capped off the frame with a three-run homer over the fence. The blast put the Lady 'Stangs up 3-0.

In the fourth, Rounsifer was walked. Doren took the base for her. She moved to second on a fielder's choice and then stole third base. Mueller grounded Doren home for the 4-0 victory.

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Lauren Hill (19) battles Canton's Hannah Mills for the ball last Wednesday in Northville's 6-0 victory.

Mustang soccer racks up 3 shutouts

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Lady Mustangs shut out three opponents last week.

They faced a tough Canton team but made it look easy on their way to a 6-0 victory last Wednesday.

Northville dominated early by controlling the center of the field and wining balls out of the air, according to assistant coach Eric Brucker, filling in for an ailing head coach Ron Meteyer.

Sophomore Sarah Stern got things going at the 10:30 mark of the first when she buried a header in the back of the net off of a corner kick from fellow sophomore Theresa Yankovich.

The half ended 1-0.

After the break Northville really took things to Canton, scoring five goals in about a 15-minute span.

The first goal was so beautiful the two decided to repeat it in the second half. It was a car-

bon copy goal as Yankovich sent the ball sailing through the air from the corner to Stern, who headed it in for her second of the night with 29:13 remaining.

At the 25:09 mark, senior Lauren Hill scored off of Yankovich's third straight assist. Junior Danny Toney provided Northville with the fourth goal at 18:06. Senior Lindsey Blair recorded the assist.

Toney made a cross to senior Vanessa Bailey, who scored the team's fifth goal at 14:54. Then, 42 seconds later, Yankovich earned her fourth point of the night with a goal. Hill notched the assist.

The offense gets the glory but it was the defense that won the game in the trenches for Northville.

"I tip my hat to the defense who played great: Jennifer Ulmer, Simone Toney, Kristen Slack and Kelsey Baskins," Brucker said. "They do not get enough credit."

Sophomore goalkeeper Julie Blaszcak earned the shutout that included stopping a Canton breakaway with 5:18 left to play in the game.

Northville followed up with a 10-0 mercy against Churchill on Friday night.

The Lady 'Stangs scored five goals in each half to put the game away.

Hill led the assault with two goals and two assists. Toney added two goals with an assist. Stern scored twice while Yankovich scored one goal and assisted on another. Senior Simone Toney scored on a penalty kick. Sophomore Lydia Blair scored a goal unassisted and sophomore Brianna Jenkins scored her first goal of the season with a 1:37 left in the contest.

Freshmen Camille Junca and Karen Mayhall and senior Jessica Meyers all earned

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Salem wins invitational

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Lady Rocks softball team finished last week winning their eight-team Invitational tournament.

Holt, Franklin, Flat Rock, Redford Union, Farmington, Lincoln Park and South Lyon made the Saturday trip.

"It's nice to see and play some teams we don't always get a chance to see," said Salem Coach Bonnie Southerland.

Salem opened up with a close one to start the day. They beat Redford Union, 4-3.

Redford took the lead right away, collecting two runs in the first inning and then one in the second for a 3-0 advantage.

Salem didn't score until the fourth inning, making it a 3-3 game. At the bottom of the next inning, Danielle Dipietro led off with a single and later scored on a double by Emily Pitcole to win the game.

Salem earned seven hits in the game. Leading the pack were Dipietro with a triple and a single and Amanda Emmons with a triple and a double. Pitcole and Liz Thomas each doubled, too.

Salem's Courtney Davis had the start in the circle but was replaced in the second inning with Melissa Leach who came in the second inning after Redford was up 3-0.

In the second game, Salem won a slugfest against South Lyon, 13-12, in 5 innings.

South Lyon scored right off the bat with two runs in the first inning but Salem answered with five.

Then south Lyon scored one in the second and seven runs in the third frame to take the lead, 10-7. Salem didn't give in and blasted five hits in the fourth round to take over the lead, 12-10. South Lyon wasn't done yet. The

Lady Lions rallied in two more runs in the fifth to knot the score at 12. In the bottom of the fifth inning Kait McKinley ripped a triple with one out. Abby Pairitz was walked, placing runners at first and third. Up next was Amanda Emmons, who hit a sacrifice fly to the outfield that scored McKinley from third for the win.

Salem racked up 14 hits in the contest. Pairitz went the distance for Salem for the win. She allowed 15 South Lyon hits, two walks, zero strikeouts and five errors.

Maureen Bohr, Pitcole, Kelly Behr, Laura Kordick all had two hits for the Rocks. McKinley had two doubles and a triple. Thomas, Dipietro had singles. Pairitz had a double.

Salem won the third game, 6-3, over Flat Rock.

Melissa Leach again got the win, giving up nine hits and three walks on three errors. She struck out four.

Flat Rock scored a run in first, third and seventh. Salem scored three in the first, one in the fourth and two in the fifth for the win.

Dipietro went 2-for-3; Behr exploded with a double and triple to lead the Lady Rocks. Emmons and Pitcole each had double while Thomas offered up a single.

Salem went 3-0 in pool play, setting them up for the championship game against Farmington.

The Rocks won the championship bout, 4-1.

Leach earned the win again. This time she only allowed four hits and two walks on two errors with four strikeouts. On offense, Salem had eight hits on two Farmington errors.

The match was tied 1-1 until the third inning when Salem

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SPORTS



Kickin' it around

The Lady Zebras continued to struggle last week. They were mercied by Plymouth last week. Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs (above) outraces the Zebras in last Wednesday's contest. Northville shut them out, 10-0, last Monday.

Tiger kickers fall to Titans

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The race for the top spot in the Mega White conference remains tight. Belleville's young team lost two recent games but remain in the hunt.

On Monday night they fought a talented Titan team at Southgate and fell, 2-1.

Southgate carried a 1-0 lead going into the second half. With about 17 minutes remaining in the game, Ashley Butzin evened the score for the Lady Tigers. The tie lasted about 10 minutes when Southgate managed to get a second goal by Belleville keeper Samantha Cagel.

"All the teams in the division are close," said Belleville Coach

Ron Held. "It was our first time around with Southgate and we played well. It was back-and-forth the whole way. I thought we had possession in their end a little more. Plus, we hit the post twice and we made a couple of mistakes that came back to haunt us."

Belleville battled Carlson to a 0-0 tie on the road on Friday night.

Held was without Kat Hotton and Marla Mellin for the game and one of his best fielders, Morgan Showler was still nursing a bruised ankle.

"It was another one of those games that went back and forth," Held said. "If we had a flat game

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Belleville hurlers top Kennedy

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After an up-and-down week, the Belleville Lady Tiger softball squad started off a new week with a solid, 7-2, victory at Taylor Kennedy on Monday.

Belleville made a statement, opening the first inning with three runs. Then Samantha Cole blasted two runners home with a double in the third to give Belleville a 5-1 advantage. The Lady tigers added one more in the fourth and in the sixth to put the game away.

Kennedy scored a run in the second and the sixth.

Cole also had the win from the circle. She pitched a five-hitter, striking out six and walking none.

It was the offense that came alive for Belleville in this game. They earned 14 hits—something that the team has been lacking lately.

"On Friday we worked on our hitting in practice and it helped," said Belleville Coach Peg Curtis. "Cole has been keeping us in games, but we finally put it all together. We're starting to see a lot of things improve."

Taylor Janus was solid at bat, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Jasmine "Blue" Haralson went 3-

for-4 with a double.

Tiffany Jablonski went a perfect 2-for-2 and Brandi Craig was 2-for-4.

Belleville shook off the loss to the Garden City last Wednesday and pulled out a, 3-1, victory against Monroe on Thursday.

"Monroe was a big one for us," Curtis said. "They're kind of our nemesis—we don't beat them that often."

Belleville lost to the Trojans earlier in the season.

On Thursday, the contest remained scoreless until the fifth inning when Monroe scored what would be their lone run. Belleville hit the bottom of the batting order in the bottom of the inning when Shelon Hill ripped a double to get on base. Jablonski knocked her in with a double. Jablonski later scored, giving Belleville a 2-1 lead.

In the sixth, Casey Porzondek got on base with a hit with one out. Then Craig singled her in with two outs to put the game away 3-1.

Porzondek was the only Belleville player with two hits. Samantha Cole struck out 10 for the win.

Curtis said seniors Janus, Jablonski and Hill were key in the win.

The win neared Belleville to 500 with a 7-8-1 overall record and 3-4 in the Mega Red.

A tough Garden City Cougar team scored an unearned run at the bottom of the seventh to beat the Lady Tigers, 1-0, last Wednesday.

Garden City got a runner on second, sacrificed her to third before she came in on a fielder's choice.

Despite her eight strikeouts, Cole suffered the loss.

Last week's roller coaster ride started with a 2-1 triumph over Allen Park last Monday.

Belleville scored in the first for a 1-0 lead but Allen Park answered with an unearned run in the third to knot the score. Prozondek drove in the winning run in the fourth frame.

Cole sat down 10 batters in the win.

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SPORTS

Belleville struggles continue

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville continued to struggle on the baseball diamond last week.

Head Coach Chris Desselier had a hard time explaining why his team finished the week, 1-2.

"I really don't understand what is going on with this team," he said. "We knew going into the season that the main thing was not to make errors and it's going the wrong way. It's kind of embarrassing. It's a lack of concentration and focus."

The team's bright spot of the week was a come-from-behind 5-4 victory against conference foe Monroe on Thursday.

The Tigers were up 1-0 in the third but mistakes allowed the Trojans to take a 3-1 lead.

Belleville starter Kevin Putnam struggled on the mound, walking batters with the bases loaded in the fourth, giving Monroe a 4-1 advantage. Desselier replaced Putnam with Kevin Vandivier, who shut down Monroe's offense the rest of the way.

Belleville's offense got going in the sixth, scoring four runs for the win.

James O'Keefe led the pack with two hits. Josh Lemons, Phillip Sullens, Brenden Madaj and Jeff Price each had hits.

Belleville followed up the victo-

ry with two losses to Lincoln Park in a doubleheader at Eastern Michigan on Saturday.

After leading 5-1 in the fifth inning of the first game, Belleville fell victim to errors once again, losing 8-7.

The Tigers led again in the second game. This time they took a 3-0 lead in the fourth but lost the confrontation, 7-6.

Belleville struggled with errors last Wednesday when they faced Garden City, too. The Tigers had a 1-0 lead in the fifth but lost it again, suffering a 3-1 defeat. Belleville made five errors in the fifth that allowed the Cougars "I don't know how to regroup the kids," Desselier added. "We've tried everything from being nice to not being so nice. This is my favorite time of the year I played the game in high school and I love it. Now I guess it's a different generation."

The losing streak continued for the Tigers in Monday's match-up at Taylor Kennedy.

The Eagles blasted Belleville, 11-1.

The Tigers gave up 18 hits and only earned four. O'Keefe and Lemons each had two hits for Belleville.

"We just have to keep picking away," Desselier said. "We're basically out of the division race; we just have to play the second half of the season and get ready for districts."

Monroe opened the second half with back-to-back goals, taking a 4-2 lead. Chelsea King, from Chudzinski, narrowed the gap to 4-3 with about 13 minutes left to play.

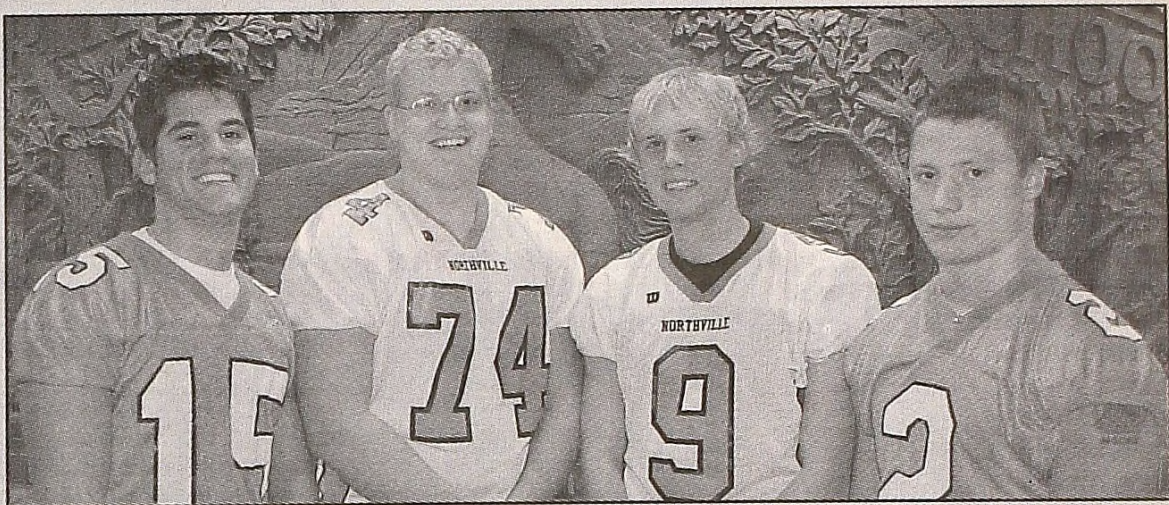
After that things went down hill for Belleville. Showler rolled her ankle, which took her out of the game.

"She's probably my best fielder," Held said. "That put a damper getting us right back in it."

Although Belleville didn't earn a win in the last three games, Held still sees promise in his young team.

"They're improving with every game," he said. "We'll be in the hunt (for the division) at the end if they stay focused."

Belleville starts its second round of Mega White play at Fordson at 4 p.m. on Friday. Then host Edsel Ford at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.



Northville senior gridgers (from left) David Bandy (Kalamazoo College), Evan Duey (Hillsdale), Peter Cohen (Albion College) and Chris McGuire (Adrian College) have all committed to play football at the college level.

Northville gridgers head to next level

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Ever since Ryan Hockman took over the head football coaching position for the Northville Mustangs, the team has done nothing but improve.

Although the results may not be as apparent on the field, yet, the real results have been seen off the field where four seniors from the 2005 team will play ball at the next level.

Recently three of them committed to Division III schools.

Defensive back Chris McGuire, 18, is headed to Adrian College in the fall.

"Chris is a tough, savvy football player who plays all out on every play," Hockman said. "He was a playmaker for us and should make a solid contribution at Adrian."

David Bandy, 17, also a defensive back, will ship out to Kalamazoo.

"David is a talented athlete who is very intelligent," Hockman said. "His intelligence will likely get him onto the field quickly at Kalamazoo. David is very young for his class and will add a physical dimension to his speed now that he has matured physically. The coaches at

Kalamazoo are ecstatic to have a player of his caliber."

Peter Cohen, 18, played outside linebacker for Northville and will take those skills to Albion College in the fall.

"Peter improved as much as anybody in his only season as a starter," Hockman said. "He has a tremendous upside; he has good size and speed. He may play safety or outside linebacker at the college level."

Evan Duey signed his letter of intent earlier this year to play for Hillsdale College.

There is something special about playing football at the next level, according to Hockman.

"Playing college football is one of the rarest and most demanding endeavors for an athlete to attempt, but the reward is high," he said. "There are so many doors that are opened to those who play college football."

It's rare that one player from a high school goes on to the next level let alone four. Hockman says it's all due to the past and present merging with the experienced showing the way.

"By having several coaches on our staff who played college football and having several NHS alums that come back during

semester breaks, our players hear and see the impact it can make in a person's life," he said.

With the recent signings, Northville's football program could get a much deserved push in the right direction.

"I think this will help inspire players to go on to the next level," said Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi. "When you surround yourself with kids that desire that, that's a good atmosphere and you're going to have a lot of kids that love the sport. If you want to play beyond high school you have to love the sport."

Masi attributes the spike in college-bound players to Hockman.

"Having coached at the college level, he understands what colleges look for and how to prepare kids if they want to play beyond high school," he added.

Hockman expects great things from the four Mustangs.

"We are very proud that four of our 2005 players are making the leap into college football," he said. "These four young men are outstanding football players, but more importantly they are four men who will represent our football program, school, and community with dignity and honor."

Soccer

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we played, that was it. It didn't help that we didn't have full compliment of players."

They fought through another close game last Wednesday when Monroe came to town. The result was 4-3 loss for the Lady Tigers.

The first half couldn't have been more back-and-forth.

Pam Chudzinski turned on the scoring going for Belleville at the 35-minute mark for a 1-0 lead. Monroe countered with a score about nine minutes later. Then Chudzinski scored her second of the night at the 13-minute marker the regain Belleville the lead, 2-1. However, with about 3:00 left to play in the first half, Monroe equalized.

Salem

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scored its other three runs.

Bohr flew out but Pitcole answered with a single. McKinley

walked then Abby Pairitz blasted a double that scored both Pitcole and McKinley. Christina Parsons had a single that scored Pairitz. Salem clung to the lead the rest of the game.

"The girls played well all weekend and were swinging the

bat hard, finally busting out and making good decisions," Southerland said.

"The girls kept fighting and didn't give up...they wanted to win this. It's been a couple years since we have, so they were more than ready."



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SPORTS

Whalers draft top talent

The season might be over for the Plymouth Whalers, but it's never too early to start preparing for next year.

It has already begun with the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft on Saturday, where Plymouth Whalers' President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci selected the best talent on the board.

The future looks exciting. Vellucci chose Vern Cooper, a dynamic offensive player, with Plymouth's first pick (13th overall) in the draft. If Central Scouting's assessment of Cooper is accurate, the Whalers got a deal. Cooper scored 45 goals with 47 assists for 92 points and 50 penalty minutes in 41 games last season for the Sudbury Nickel Capitals.

Central Scouting said this of Cooper: "Seems like the 'new' game was implemented just for Vern. A speedy player that is entertaining to watch. Has great anticipation and combined with one-step quickness, intercepts many passes, flies down the wing, the defense gets back peddling, the ice opens up from his speed and then his playing skills or scoring abilities become threats very quickly."

Cooper's all-around ability is what grabbed Vellucci's eye.

"Vern is probably the most dynamic player in the draft," he said. "I don't think there's anyone in the draft as fast as he is. His offensive skills are tremendous. We had him rated number one overall."

Plymouth took right-handed defenseman Tom Kane with the second pick in the draft in the third round (73rd overall).

Kane scored 6 goals with 17 assists for 23 points and 159 penalty minutes in 49 games last season.

Plymouth had two selections in the fourth round.

With the first they took defenseman Jordan O'Neill from the London Jr. Knights with the 73rd pick. O'Neill—6-foot-1, 170 pounds—scored 18 goals with 23 assists for 41 points and 114 penalty minutes in 70 games last season. Plymouth then took right wing Steve McDonald from the Toronto Red Wings with the 76th pick. McDonald scored 10 goals with 15 assists for 25 points and 189 penalty minutes in 52 games last season.

Plymouth stayed local in the fifth round, taking Harrison Township native Chad Rutkowski from the Detroit Honeybaked 90's. Rutkowski, a center, measured in at 6-foot-2 and 178 pounds. He scored 33 goals with 16 assists for 49 points in 49 games last season.

The Whalers continued with their local connection in the seventh round, when they took center A.J. Jenks from the Detroit Honeybaked midgets with the 132nd selection. Jenks scored 17 goals with 22 assists for 39 points in 52 games last season.

New York native left-winger Kevin McCarey, who scored 12 goals with 17 assists for 29 points in 42 games for the Syracuse Stars last season, was chosen in the eighth round.

Many of these players are expected to report to Plymouth's rookie camp May 20. However, with returning talent they'll be hard-pressed to make the team for 2006-07. The Whalers have about thirteen players returning from a team that won the West Division last season.

Vellucci also said he anticipates signing several players from last year's draft.



Canton had a difficult getting by Northville last Wednesday. Northville shut the Chiefs out along with Plymouth and Churchill in its last three games.

Mustangs

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assists.

Northville finished up with a 4-0 romp

of Plymouth High on Monday night.

Danielle Toney scored twice and Julie Blaszcak earned the shutout for Northville.

Northville will host Rochester Adams at noon on Saturday and then head to Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Softball

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Dumbleton earned the win, giving up four hits with no walks and four strikeouts. Badeen (double), Fleishaker (single) and Wildley (single) also had hits for Northville.

"This was a solid game all around for us," Fox said. "Jenna pitched well and we hit the ball well."

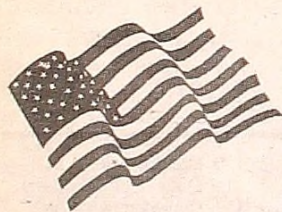
Northville also beat John Glenn, 11-0, last Wednesday.

Hughes was the heavy hitter on the day, going 4-for-5 with two RBIs. Zima was 2-for-4 with a double and a triple. Rounsifer went 2-for-4 with a double and a single.

Dumbleton pitched the first four innings and Holmes finished things up.

Teryn Fox and the team hopes to keep their winning record alive when they host Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. on Friday and head to the Canton Classic starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The Mustangs are at Canton again at 4 p.m. on Monday and Walled Lake Northern at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.



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Backstage tour

Officials, supporters tour Historic Wayne Theater building

Scott Spielman
Editor

The volunteers involved with the restoration of the Historic Wayne Theater know they have a difficult task ahead of them—and an expensive one, too.

Don Nicholson, capital fundraising chairman, for the theater group, said he wouldn't be surprised if all the work needed at the theater on Michigan Avenue added up to \$1.5 million.

"We have a lot of young people involved in this, but we're not stupid," said Nicholson. "We know we have a lot to do."

He said the estimated price is daunting, but he's not overly worried about it. The theater board has some advantages in that.

"We own the land, we own the building," he said. "There's mortgagability in that. We just need to get by the city, first."

The preservationists took another step at that last Thursday, when they opened the doors for city inspectors for a walk through. The purpose of that was to give them an idea of what they needed to do to bring the 70-year-old building up to code. It hasn't had a valid certificate of occupancy for 20 years, when a fire forced it to close.

Nicholson—and city officials—said a completely new plumbing system, a new electrical system as well as a new heating and air conditioning system would be required, as well as sprinkler systems.

"The structure is a solid structure," said City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib. "We don't have a problem with that. The major

problems are everything else."

City officials have long wanted something done at the building. Earlier this year, they cited it under the dangerous building ordinance, which gives them the authority to force landowners to bring their property up to current codes or order its demolition. That's in extreme cases, at the end of the process. The cost of the demolition is added to the property owner's tax rolls, but they keep possession of the property.

Nicholson was involved with the theater about 20 years ago, and renewed his relationship after the city cited the building. Since then, work has continued at the structure.

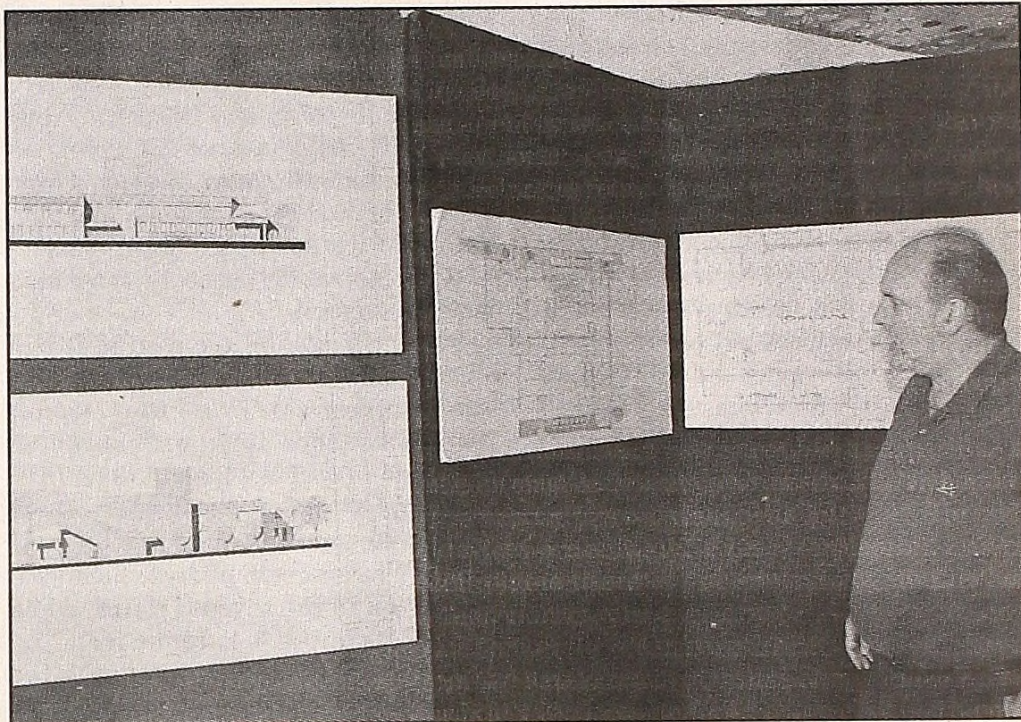
"We've done a lot of work, but we've got a long way to go," Nicholson said.

He said the project has developed interest, too. If they are able to satisfy the city's needs, he said he has a corporate sponsor ready to sign on and he's meeting with developers to construct a restaurant in the open space in front, where the storefronts once stood. A number of groups are interested in using the building, too.

"We have a choir, and a few bands, as well as plans for a talent show, and a craft show and sale," he said. "Many other things are planned."

He said they are also working to update architectural plans for the site, too. The ones they have set up in the lobby date back to 1993 and he wants to tweak them a bit.

"We want to take it back to the way the theater used to be," he said. "We're going



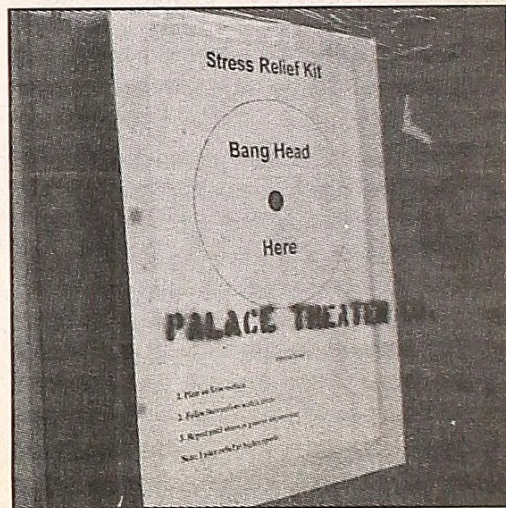
Don Nicholson, fundraising chairman for the Historic Wayne Theater, said the group will update their plans for the theater and hopes to have it restored and open next year.

to get some plans together and submit them to the city."

His goal is to have the theater restored and open again next year.

It's a lofty goal, and El-Gharib said he wished them luck.

"I want to see it viable," he said. "We don't want to tear down any buildings. It's costly to us."



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JN1CZ14S8HX151842
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1HGCG565XWA058372
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1985 Buick 4Dr
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Chicken, Strawberry and Fennel Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

Walnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup walnut oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon roasted garlic purée
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound grilled chicken breast strips
- 3 cups fresh California strawberries, stemmed and sliced
- 3 cups thoroughly cleaned, thinly sliced fennel bulb
- 3 cups shredded radicchio
- 3/4 cup basil leaves
- 1 1/2 cups toasted walnut halves

To make vinaigrette, in blender or food processor, purée oils, vinegar, garlic purée, salt and pepper until emulsified.

In large bowl, toss chicken, strawberries, fennel, radicchio, basil and walnuts with vinaigrette. To serve, mound equal amounts of salad on 6 plates.

Makes 6 servings

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- **Shiraz Cabernet** is a rich wine full of berry, pepper and spice. Enjoy with grilled steak and roasted vegetables.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Try a new menu idea for Mother's Day — or bridal showers, graduations, dinner parties and other festive summer occasions — by pairing sweet bites with savory sips. The combination of ruby red strawberries and smooth, friendly wines might sound unique, but the pairing goes back hundreds of years. Noted 16th-century herbalist John Gerard wrote that together, strawberries and wine "make the heart merry." That's just what you want when you celebrate life's most cherished moments.

So surprise your guests with a Roasted Strawberry Sundae and its deep, rich chocolate sauce heightened by Shiraz. Pour a glass of Chardonnay to enjoy with Chicken, Strawberry and Fennel Salad. Or simply heap fresh strawberries in a glass bowl and splash them with Cabernet Merlot. Then, raise a glass to a long and happy life!

Roasted Strawberry Sundae

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Roasted Strawberry Sauce

- 4 1/2 cups (about 1 1/2 pounds) fresh California strawberries, stemmed and quartered, divided

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 vanilla bean

Chocolate Sauce

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons water
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 5 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Black Opal Shiraz wine
- 9 cups vanilla ice cream

- 1 1/2 cups (about 1/2 pound) fresh California strawberries, stemmed and quartered

To make strawberry sauce, heat oven to 350°F. In blender, purée 1 1/2 cups strawberries; strain through fine-meshed strainer, pushing on strawberry purée with spoon. Combine purée with remaining strawberries and sugar. Slit vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape out seeds; add bean and seeds to strawberry mixture. Let stand 10 minutes.

Remove vanilla bean and transfer mixture to shallow baking dish large enough to hold strawberries in one layer. Roast in oven about 20 minutes, or until strawberries are cooked and juices have reduced to syrup.

To make chocolate sauce, in saucepan bring sugar and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until sugar dissolves. Add cream and chocolate. Cook over low heat, stirring, until chocolate melts. Remove from heat; add wine.

Spoon 2 tablespoons chocolate sauce in bottom of each of 6 sundae glasses. Add 3/4-cup scoop ice cream; top with 2 tablespoons strawberry sauce. Repeat layers. Top with 1/4 cup fresh strawberries.

Makes 6 sundaes



Good kids Kiwanis awards young citizens

Scott Spielman
Editor

"It has to be my favorite project that the Civitans do," said Beverly Woodard, a long-time member of the group.

It was the day after the Good Kids, Good Citizens, Good Community program, which packed more than 120 people into the meeting room at the Wayne Public Library to honor the achievements of some of the younger residents of Wayne.

The award recognizes youngsters who have served as positive role models or who have made a significant contribution to the community.

This year 20 youngsters were honored, according to Paulette Medvecky, youth services director at the Wayne Public Library.

"It's one of the largest groups that's ever been nominated," she said. "People are nominating more and more kids."

The kids are nominated through a variety of ways, from police officers to teachers, neighbors, school officials or residents of the community. They perform a number of different tasks to earn the citizenship award: one spent a lot of time at his grandfather's house helping him with his daily exercise. Others stood out on the safety patrol or helped younger students find their way around their schools.

"It's anything that can initiate other good deeds and being a good citizen and making Wayne a better place to live,"

Medvecky said. "They just do it because they see the need."

The program started more than 10 years ago when the library received a grant to fund it. A year later the funding was gone, but the Wayne Civitans wanted to keep the project going. They teamed up with the library to help pay for the program.

Everyone honored with the award received a certificate, a photo album and selected a book that was donated to the library in his or her honor. The program has honored 146 young people since its inception.

Several scholarships were also awarded Wednesday night, according to Medvecky. The Civitans gave out five: to Kara Quintal, Allison Areeda, Kelly Doerr, Justin Girourd and Kyle Erdman.

The scholarships are designed to highlight leadership qualities, Medvecky said.

"They're not always good academically, they just have good qualities," she said.

Four young people received an Andrea Bundon scholarship, too. The award was named after a Wayne student who was killed in a car accident. Allison Areeda, Sean Barone, Anna Clark and Heather Ennis received one of those.

Woodard said she like the program because it highlights the positive qualities of the young people.

"It's nice to have that many kids that are giving back to the community," she said.



Winners of the Good Kids, Good Citizens award are: Back Row (left to right): Brett Tavana, Joshua Kull, Andrew Hermatz, Jared Parker, Kelly Doerr, Erica Perdue, Bijan Weaver and Steven Moore; Front Row (left to right): Samantha Kull, Michael Nicholson, Victoria DeBlaere, Krysta Forrester, Jason Martin and Abby Lentz. Not pictured are Zakkary Hardyniec, Joshua Lowe, Ian Montgomery, Nicole Payne, Bernardina Spaqi and Kevin Wohlfeil.

Police Briefs

Scrap is stolen

Westland police are investigating the theft of \$200 worth of scrap aluminum from a Westland business.

The aluminum, which was stored on the grounds of Clyde Smith and Sons on Newburgh Road, vanished during the early morning hours of May 3, according to Westland Police reports. Similar thefts had occurred previously. The police are investigating the incident based on evidence found at the scene.

Visitor was unwelcome

A visitor to The Landings apartment complex in Westland received an unpleasant surprise last week when it came time to go home.

On May 1, the man parked his 2002 GMC Denali in the parking lot in front of a friend's home shortly after 9 p.m. Two hours later, he found that the front headlight had been smashed and, as he later told Westland police, thought that some-

one had backed into his vehicle. However, when he opened the door to the car he found that it was actually a case of vandalism. Foot-long gashes had been cut into the leather front seats and a foreign substance had been smeared across the car. Police also noted a dent on the hood near the damaged headlight as well as damage to the locked center console.

Aluminum proves popular

A semi truck parked in Westland was recently the victim of a larceny.

The truck had been parked in an industrial area for several days when thieves— using a torch— stole a 700-pound aluminum tailgate off of it. The reason for the attack is believed to be the resale value as scrap metal. Westland police have notified area scrap metal dealers of the theft to help prevent the thieves from profiting from the crime. The incident took place between April 26 and April 30.

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Dark cherry clearcoat, Pueblo gold accent paint, running boards, air conditioning, CFC Free, floor mats, C/K carpet, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed automatic O/D trans, A/T owl tires, cargo area cover, roof rail cross bars.

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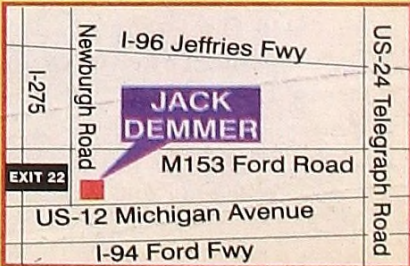
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